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FOREIGN NEWS ON APPLES

THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

The market for American apples in Great Britain during the past week has been unsatisfactory, considering the general supply situation, according to a cable received from Mr. Edwin Smith, the Department's Fruit Specialist in Europe. Although all varieties except Washington Jonathans and California Newtowns were only in light to moderate supply, the demand in general was slow. Buying power in Great Britain is worse than was anticipated, states Mr. Smith.

Poorly colored Virginia York Imperials, although firm and in good condition with bright appearance, experienced a dull demand. Demand was also dull for Virginia Ben Davis, New York Baldwins and Pacific Northwest Jonathans and Winesaps. Offerings of small quantities of highly colored Virginia York Imperials, however, were actively competed for at from \$6.81 to \$7.54 per barrel as against \$6.57 to \$6.81 per barrel paid for the regular line of U. S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch York Imperials last week. Massachusetts Baldwins topped the market among the barreled varieties this week, U. S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch fruit selling moderately at from \$7.06 to \$8.15 per barrel. Light supplies of Virginia Black Twigs were offered, prices on U. S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch stock ranging from \$6.45 to \$6.93 per barrel.

Most of the boxed varieties offered during the week showed a decline, although supplies were light except in the case of Washington Jonathans and California Newtowns. There was a moderate demand for California Yellow Newtowns, of which some of the 163/175 sizes of the Fancy stock brought as high as \$3.71 to \$4.08 per box against \$3.10 last week. There was a good demand for Oregon Yellow Newtowns but at slightly lower prices than those prevailing last week, Extra Fancy stock, sizes 163/175 ranging from \$3.77 to \$4.01 per box as against \$3.95 to \$4.38 last week. All other boxed stock met with very slow demand especially the Oregon Spitzenbergs, all of the latter being in poor condition. Cargoes of Pacific Coast fruit shipped via the Panama Canal have been arriving in splendid condition, states Mr. Smith. One ship, the "Lochmonur", was wrecked in Liverpool on November 30 but most of the refrigerator cargo was saved.

The West Australian apple crops are reported lighter than last year on account of heavy thrip damage, states Mr. Smith. The crops in South Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand, however, are reported to be larger than last year. Fruit in good condition from the early districts in West Australia is being quoted at from \$2.09 to \$2.67 per box fob. for early shipments.

Prices of American fruit on the Liverpool and Copenhagen auctions,
Wednesday, November 30 and December 7, 1927

Variety and Grade	Origin	Price	
		Nov. 30, 1927	Dec. 7, 1927
		<u>Per bbl</u>	<u>Per bbl</u>
<u>Liverpool:</u>			
Apples:			
York Imperial, U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in. ^{a/}	Virginia	b/	\$6.81 - 7.54
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in. . .	"	\$6.57 - 6.81	6.57 - 6.81
U.S. Commercial 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in. . .	"	5.60 - 6.20c/	6.03 - 6.33
Unclassified	"	5.35 - 6.08c/	5.60 - 6.33
Ben Davis, U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.	"	5.35 - 5.47c/	5.35 - 5.72
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.	New York	b/	5.23 - 5.96
Winesaps, U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.	Virginia	b/	7.30
Black Twig, U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.	"	b/	6.45 - 6.93
Baldwin, U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.	Mass.	b/	7.06 - 8.15
U.S. Commercial	"	b/	4.87 - 6.69
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.	New York	b/	4.14 - 4.62 ^{d/}
Jonathan:		<u>Per box</u>	<u>Per box</u>
Extra Fancy, 150, 163/175	Washington	4.08 - 4.32	2.92 - 3.04
Extra Fancy, 188/smaller	"	2.68 - 2.86	2.62 - 2.68
Fancy, 150, 163/175	"	2.68 - 2.80	2.55 - 2.80
Fancy, 188/smaller	"	2.55 - 2.68	2.55 - 2.74
Winesaps:			
Extra Fancy, 150, 163/175	"	3.28 - 3.41	2.98
Fancy, 150, 163/175	"	2.68 - 2.92	2.80
Rome Beauty:			
Extra Fancy, 150, 163/175	"	b/	2.80 - 3.28
Fancy, 150, 163/175	"	b/	2.43 - 2.68
Spitzenberg:			
Extra Fancy, 150, 163/175	Oregon	2.92 - 4.38c/	2.80 <u>d/</u>
Yellow Newtown:			
Extra Fancy, 150, 163/175	"	3.95 - 4.38	3.77 - 4.01
Extra Fancy, 188/smaller	"	3.22 - 3.89	3.22 - 3.65
Fancy, 150, 163/175	"	3.65 - 4.26	3.71 - 3.89
Fancy, 188/smaller	"	3.41 - 3.65	3.10 - 3.53
Fancy, 150, 163/175	California	3.10	3.71 - 4.08
Fancy, 188/smaller	"	b/	2.43 - 2.62
Pears:			
Winter Nelis	Washington		4.87 - 5.60
Winter Nelis	California		3.41 - 3.89
Winter Nelis	Oregon	4.62 - 4.87	
Anjou	"	6.33 - 6.57	5.47 - 5.60
Bartlett	California		4.74
		<u>Per bbl</u>	<u>Per bbl</u>
Keiffer	New York	4.44 - 5.84	4.14 - 4.32
		<u>Per case</u>	<u>Per case</u>
Grapefruit	Florida	3.65 - 3.77	4.87 - 5.11
Grapefruit	Cuban	b/	4.32 - 4.87

^{a/} Highly colored fruit. ^{b/} None quoted in cable. ^{c/} Fair condition. ^{d/} Poor condition.

